

IN THE CLAIMS

Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An arrangement structure of a vehicle door open-close device to automatically open and close a vehicle door by means of a driving force comprising:

a roof member provided on a door-opening area for constituting a ceiling member of a vehicle body, said roof member including an outside roof member and an inside roof member;

a side member provided on the door-opening area for constituting a side portion of the vehicle body, said side member including an outside side member and an inside side member; and

a connecting part between the roof member and the side member;

a strengthening member located below the connecting part between the roof member and the side member and bridged across the connecting part and bridged between said inside roof member and said inside side member;

wherein said vehicle door open-close device is arranged in a space surrounded by said roof member, said side member, and said strengthening member; and

wherein said inside roof member and said inside side member are connected to the connecting part in which said outside roof member and said outside side member are connected thereto.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently amended) The arrangement structure of a vehicle door open-close device according to claim 1 ~~claim 2~~, wherein a roof reinforced member provided on said roof member and a side reinforced member provided on said side member are

connected to said connecting part.

4. (Currently amended) The arrangement structure of a vehicle door open-close device according to claim 1 ~~claim 2~~, wherein an attaching part of said inside side member is attached to an attaching reinforcement member, and said attaching reinforcement member is connected to said connecting part.

5. (Previously presented) The arrangement structure of a vehicle door open-close device according to claim 3, wherein an attaching part of said inside side member is provided with an attaching reinforcement member, and said attaching reinforcement member is connected to said connecting part.

6. (Previously presented) The arrangement structure of a vehicle door open-close device according to claim 3, wherein
said roof reinforced member is positioned between said outside roof member and said inside roof member, and
said side reinforced member is positioned between said outside side member and said inside side member.

7. (Previously presented) The arrangement structure of a vehicle door open-close device according to claim 1, wherein said strengthening member is formed of a single member.

8. (Previously presented) The arrangement structure of a vehicle door open-close device according to claim 1, wherein said strengthening member is a diagonal beam connecting the roof member and the side member with each other.

9. (New) The arrangement structure of a vehicle door open-close device according to claim 1, wherein a point of connection of the strengthening member to the side member is vertically lower than a point of connection of the strengthening member to the roof member.

10. (New) An arrangement structure of a vehicle door open-close device to automatically open and close a vehicle door by means of a driving force applied to the vehicle door by a driving mechanism that includes a driving source and a power transmitter linked to the vehicle door, comprising:

- a roof member provided at a door-opening area, at least a portion of the roof member forming a ceiling member of a vehicle body;
- a side member provided at the door-opening area, at least a portion of the side member forming a side portion of the vehicle body; and
- a connecting part between the roof member and the side member;
- a strengthening member located below the connecting part between the roof member and the side member and bridged across the connecting part;

wherein said vehicle door open-close device, including the driving source and the power transmitter of the driving mechanism, is arranged in a space surrounded by said roof member, said side member, and said strengthening member.

11. (New) An arrangement structure of a vehicle door open-close device according to claim 10, wherein;

- said roof member including an outside roof member and an inside roof member;
- said side member including an outside side member and an inside side member; and
- said strengthening member is bridged between said inside roof member and said inside side member;

wherein said inside roof member and said inside side member are connected to the connecting part in which said outside roof member and said outside side member are connected thereto.

12. (New) The arrangement structure of a vehicle door open-close device according to claim 11, wherein a roof reinforced member provided on said roof member and a side reinforced member provided on said side member are connected to said

connecting part.

13. (New) The arrangement structure of a vehicle door open-close device according to claim 11, wherein an attaching part of said inside side member is attached to an attaching reinforcement member, and said attaching reinforcement member is connected to said connecting part.

14. (New) The arrangement structure of a vehicle door open-close device according to claim 12, wherein an attaching part of said inside side member is provided with an attaching reinforcement member, and said attaching reinforcement member is connected to said connecting part.

15. (New) The arrangement structure of a vehicle door open-close device according to claim 12, wherein

said roof reinforced member is positioned between said outside roof member and said inside roof member, and

said side reinforced member is positioned between said outside side member and said inside side member.

16. (New) The arrangement structure of a vehicle door open-close device according to claim 10, wherein said strengthening member is formed of a single member.

17. (New) The arrangement structure of a vehicle door open-close device according to claim 10, wherein said strengthening member is a diagonal beam connecting the roof member and the side member with each other.

18. (New) The arrangement structure of a vehicle door open-close device according to claim 10, wherein a point of connection of the strengthening member to the side member is vertically lower than a point of connection of the strengthening member to the roof member.

19. (New) An arrangement structure of a vehicle door open-close device to automatically open and close a vehicle door by means of a driving force comprising:

- a roof member provided on a door-opening area for constituting a ceiling member of a vehicle body;
- a side member provided on the door-opening area for constituting a side portion of the vehicle body; and
- a strengthening member which is separate from said roof member and said side member and connects, from the door-opening area, with said roof member and said side member such that said strengthening member is extended across a connecting part between said roof member and said side member,

wherein said vehicle door open-close device is arranged in a space surrounded by said roof member, said side member, and said strengthening member.